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SUBJECT: ITALO-HUNGARIAN POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. HUNGARIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY VISITED ROME NOVEMBER 22-23 FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS WITH FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL DUCCI. DISCUSSION WERE DEVOTED CHIEFLY TO STANDART RECITALS OF RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES (CSCE, MBFR) DURING WHICH FEW NUANCES EMERGED. VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER MORO TO BUDAPEST AGREED FOR FEGRUARY-MARCH. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING FONOFF SOURCE WHO SAT IN, NAGY-DUCCI TALKS GENERALLY CONCENTRATED ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. HOWEVER, DURING EXPOSE OF HUNGARIAN (I.E. SOVIET) VIEWS ON CSCE AND OTHER ITEMS, NAGY LET DROP SEVERAL NUANCES WHICH ITALIANS FOUND MODERATELY INTERESTING. FOR ONE THING, NAGY MADE ONLY PRO FORMA PUSH ON PRINCIPLE OF INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS WHICH CONTRASTED WITH STRONG EMPHASIS LAID ON THIS POINT BY POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER DURING EARLIER VISIT TO ROME. SECONDLY, IN RESPONDING TO DUCCI'S

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PLEA FOR STRONG HUMAN CONTACTS BASKET, NAGY SAID THAT SUCH

MEASURES AS FAMILY REUNIFICATION PRESENTED SUCH AS POLES. CONSEQUENTLY, GIVEN DIVERGENT VIEWS AMONG BLOC ON THESE QUESTIONS, NAGY IMPLIED THAT MOST CONSERVATIVE VIEW MUST PREVAIL. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, NAGY SAID HUNGARIANS ACCEPT ECONOMIC INTEGRATION BUT OPPOSE POLITICAL UNIFICATION. ON MBFR, NAGY INSISTED ADAMANTLY ON EQUATING HUNGARIAN STATUS WITH THAT OF ITALY, NOTING THAT FOR BUDAPEST THE ISSUE IS CLOSED UNLESS GOI CHANGES ITS POSITION CONCERNING DIRECT PARTICIPATION.

3. ON BILATERAL SIDE, NAGY MADE STRONG PITCH FOR VISIT BY ITALIAN FOREIGN OR PRIME MINISTER WHICH HE REPEATED DURING BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER MORO. LATTER PROVIDED NO ASSURANCE TO NAGY BUT WHEN VISIT QUESTION WAS FOLLOWED-UP SEVERAL DAYS LATER BY HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR, MORO AGREED TO TRAVEL TO BUDAPEST SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY-MARCH PERIOD. DURING TALKS WITH DUCCI, NAGY ALSO MADE STANDARD EE APPEAL FOR INCREASE IN NUMBER OF HUNGARIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND FOR MORE SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT OF VISA APPLICATIONS. ACCORDING SOURCE, ITALIANS RESPONDED BY AGREEING TO SMALL INCREASE IN EMBASSY PERSONNEL DESPITE FACT THAT GOI SECURITY SERVICE REPORTS THAT 35 PERCENT ALREADY ENGAGED IN INTELLIGENCE. VOLPE

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